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**LETTER REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**

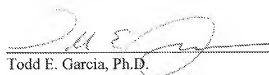
The Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation included in the Issue Notification mailed July 28, 2010, for the above-referenced application indicates the PTA is 206 days. This PTA appears to be longer than appropriate.

In good faith and candor, Patentees direct the Office's attention to a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment filed in March 2005 for which no Applicant Delay was assessed. Patentees respectfully submit that a delay of 39 days, from February 11, 2005, through March 21, 2005, is appropriate; as such, the total PTA should be calculated as 167 days.

No fees are believed due. Apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 26370-0034001.

Respectfully submitted,

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